

**Watershed Committee (WC) Meeting
January 20, 2010
Meeting Notes and Next Steps**

Attendance: Steve Cardon, Jim Ingle, and Julie Palakovich Carr, WC members; Amanda Matheny, Watershed Protection Specialist EMD, Audra Lew, staff liaison.

Environment Commission Updates:

- S. Cardon reported:
 - Council member John Britton was guest
 - Commissioners:
 - Were introduced to Erica Shingara, Environmental Specialist
 - Were briefed on Ch. 19 proceedings
 - Discussed upcoming M and C topics: Green Building Ordinance, permission to form White Tail Deer Management Task Force
 - Received upcoming RainScapes and SOS training dates in the case that Commission members would like to join/co-teach.
 - D.V. Poa will be recommended to M and C for vacancy on Commission.
 - WC website text update provided to entire Commission for review.

Discussion:

Amanda Matheny introduced the WC to Rockville's FOG and IDDE Programs

- FOG folders handed out, photos of properly maintained and improperly maintained grease interceptors handed out. Discussion of inspection process, delivery and time frames of Notice of Violation process and number of establishments inspected thus far. Concerns raised about number of restaurants and limited staff to cover yearly inspections.
- IDDE checklist provided to Committee members, review of field equipment, location of stream sections walked thus far. Weather and GPS restrictions discussed. Concern raised about safety of field personnel conducting IDDE alone in remote areas.

SC brought up **questions surrounding issues involving WSSC** sewer lines...

- If their lines are in Rockville streams, does WSSC cover or share costs to move them during stream restoration opportunities?
- Is there inspection or permitting process for work?
- In case of spills/leaks who does WSSC report to and is there a minimum amount reporting threshold?

Getting the word out

- Discussion surrounding call for boy/girl scouts assistance, informing residents how their Storm water Management Utility Fee is used, and other environmental matters led to idea of more RR articles as educational outreach tool.
- There is a desire within the Watersheds Committee to have a meeting with the Outreach Committee to discuss several topics that involve the WC.

Goals:

- The WC wishes to pursue salt level monitoring in streams during and after weather events requiring salt application. SC to use probe and Amanda Matheny will also collect measurements on IDDE trips.

- Continue to support SOS efforts and work on EC involvement with clean-up efforts.

Next Steps:

AL to:

- Discuss WSSC questions with staff. **ANSWERS** below:
 - City must get approval from WSSC to move their sewer lines in stream restoration process. Cost sharing on these types of projects SHOULD occur between City and WSSC.
 - Anyone working in a stream (such as in the case of moving/repairing sewer line) must get permit from the state (MDE) and City of Rockville Forestry Department. WSSC has a sewer line easement, so no permit is necessary from City Public Works Dept. WSSC has their own sediment control permit (thru MDE).
 - As per the city's WQPO, any spill (no matter the amount) must be reported to the city of Rockville. However the WQPO is relatively new, so it will take some time for this to become common procedure. WSSC (or any agency for that matter) must report any spills into a stream to MDE.
- Compile a list of topics for future RR articles and share these with the WC, EMD and then Public Information Office.
- Coordinate a joint meeting with WC members and OC members for February or March meeting.

SC to:

- Remind EC
 - To contact Mike Coppersmith 301-807-8910 or Jen Betts 301-254-2800 regarding Hometown Holidays business.
 - Work on Environmental Awards nominations so that they may be presented by M and C at April 22 Earth Day celebration.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Next WC Meeting

The next Watersheds Committee meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 7:15 pm at
Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, 20850.